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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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Title: THERMAL CYCLER FOR AUTOMATIC PERFORMANCE OF THE POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION WITH CLOSE TEMPERATURE CONTROL

The prior application is assigned of record to Applera Corporation, a DE corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on January 14, 2003 at 013367/0173.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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- Preliminary amendment, 4 pages.
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/481,552, filed January 11, 2000, among others.

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